

Town of Embden

Minutes of the Board of Selectmen

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January 17, 2011
7:00 PM Meeting held at the Embden Town Office

In attendance was: Wayne McLaughlin, Scott Lehay, Charles Taylor, Leo Mayo, Terriann Lamontagne, Elizabeth Pratt, Heidi Vicneire, Michael Witham, and Bonnie Baker

- 1 Wayne McLaughlin called the meeting to order at 19:03.
- 2 The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3 **Consent Agenda:**
 - 3.1 Approved the minutes of the Board of Selectmen dated January 3, 2011 accepted as written. (3-0).
 - 3.2 Approved Warrant #2 totaling \$141,220.94. Approved (3-0).
- 4 **Community Relations, Announcements, and Open Public Forum:**
 - 4.1 **Open Public Forum :** None
- 5 **Appointments & Resignations:** None
- 6 **Department Officials Reports:**
 - 6.1 **Board of Assessors** – No Report
 - 6.2 **Planning Board** – L. Mayo stated that the PB was preparing to send the ordinances back to DEP for another approval. He said that then the map would be squared away with Sackett & Brake. He added that the ordinances would appear on a Special Town Meeting later this year.
 - 6.3 **Plumbing Inspector** – L. Mayo said that everything was good.
 - 6.4 **Board of Appeals** – No Report
 - 6.5 **Code Enforcement Officer** – No Report.
 - 6.6 **Health Officer** – No Report
 - 6.7 **Road Commissioner** –
 - 6.7.1 M. Witham stated that he had picked up reflective material for the Slipp Road.
 - 6.7.2 W. McLaughlin stated that he had received a paper from KVCOG. T. Lamontagne asked who trucked the salt to the sand shed. M. witham stated that Shurtleff had its own trucks.
 - 6.8 **M.S.A.D. #74** – No Report
 - 6.9 **Animal Control** – No Report
 - 6.10 **E-911** – No Report
 - 6.11 **Recreational Director** –
 - 6.11.1 H. Vicneire stated that her only budget concern this year was th swim program. S. Lehay asked whether she was requesting \$5K. She said that she was, plus the Carry Forward amount. C. Taylor stated that in 2010 that in 2010 she had only budgeted \$1,125 for the swim program, and the expenses were \$4,227. He asked whether she was counting on inflows to offset that amount. S. Lehay asked what personnel would still be required if the other 3-4 towns decided not to go in. Heidi said the personnel would then only be needed for an hour.
 - 6.11.2 C. Taylor stated that Solon was asking for some funds for their Afterschool Program for Embden kids who are going up there. H. Vicneire asked whether their request stated how many kids from Embden had participated in Solon programs.
 - 6.11.3 H. Vicneire stated that this was the main reason she had done a budget, so that if we couldn't provide these things for the kids from Embden, then we atleast had the money to pay so they could play. She stated that it used to be before the town had a Rec. Program, like 4-5 years ago and longer, that Embden children were not allowed to participate in Anson Rec.
 - 6.11.4 C. Taylor stated that it was fine to pay for Summer Camps as long as kids weren't being hand-picked. He said if the money is there to do it, then fine if we can help one child, but if we can help a dozen children, then great. S. Lehay asked how much it cost for the kids to go to camp. H. Vicneire said that the cost was \$108 for soccer camp, and \$75 for basketball camp, so we did a \$25 scholarship for basketball, and \$50 for soccer or baseball. She said that she had quite

a few people take advantage of that. She said that those that wanted a scholarship last year had to write a letter.

- 6.11.5** H. Vicneire stated that she didn't need the stipend, since she would be doing just the swim Program. She said she didn't just sit home and do nothing for the swim program, but didn't feel the \$3,600 stipend was fair. S. Lehay asked what she felt was a fair stipend. She asked for \$500 for a stipend this year. S. Lehay replied that he thought she was crazy to do it for \$500. E. Pratt recommended \$1,000. Discussion continued. Amount for Town Report was set at \$1,200 with taxes.

- 6.11.6** H. Vicneire requested that her pay be held until this summer, and be done in one check.

6.12 Town Clerk/Treasurer –

- 6.12.1** B. Baker submitted the Treasurer's report.

- 6.12.2** B. Baker submitted the Check Balancing report. Selectmen reviewed and signed.

- 6.12.3** She stated that the auditor would be here Friday.

- 6.12.4** B. Baker asked the Selectmen to approve the Tax Lien Procedures class. She stated that the class was being held on a Monday so it would not interfere with the office schedule. C. Taylor asked whether R. Blake and the candidate for Assessor were interested in attending. Both agreed. Selectmen approved.

6.13 Tax Collector:

- 6.13.1** R. Blake submitted a report to the Selectmen on outstanding taxes. C. Taylor asked about the amounts for 2008 and 2009. B. Baker stated that those taxes were turned over to herself, the treasurer, when the liens were put on, and offered to run that report for the next meeting. C. Taylor requested that R. Blake get those numbers for him for the next meeting.

- 6.13.2** She stated that she had been letting people know if there was a small amount due.

- 6.13.3** She added that she would be gone the 3rd week in February.

- 6.13.4** C. Taylor asked for an idea of how much excise had been collected in 2010.

6.14 Winter Roads Contractor: No Report.

6.15 School Building Committee:

- 6.15.1** W. McLaughlin stated that the group had held a supper and flea market. He said that \$600 had been raised on the supper, and \$107 on the food table. He stated that there was a good turnout for the supper, and all but 4-5 of the attendees were from Embden.

- 6.15.2** S. Lehay asked whether the committee was working on a presentation.

- 6.15.3** W. McLaughlin stated that the Zumba Class was doing well, with approximately 65 enrolled.

- 6.15.4** He said the walking had just started again and was doing well.

- 6.15.5** He stated that it was hard to plan when nothing could be committed to long term.

- 6.15.6** B. Baker asked how much to pay the Zumba instructor. W. McLaughlin stated he didn't know yet.

7 Old Business

7.1 Sand Shed –

- 7.1.1** C. Taylor stated that he had talked to Sam white about the pavement in the Sand Shed and he thought he did it with his loader on the apron.

8 New Business:

- 8.1 Review & Sign March 5th Election Warrant-** Selectmen reviewed and signed warrant. S. Lehay explained that it was to vote on a potential AOS with SAD#58 (Kingfield).

9 Next Meeting Announcement & Adjournment

- 9.1** Next Regular Selectmen's Meeting – Monday, February 7, 2011

- 9.2** Motion to adjourn made by C. Taylor. W. McLaughlin stated, "We are adjourned."

Minutes submitted by:

Bonnie A. Baker
Town Clerk & Treasurer